

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The London *Telegraph* of the 27th, stated that Assistant Commissioner Monroe will succeed General Warren, as chief commissioner of metropolitan police.

On the 27th the National Anti-Slavery Republican committee met in New York. It was decided to issue an address to the people of the country, calling attention to the Anti-Slavery Republican movement, and the work it has already accomplished, and what it intends to do for the future.

Star has been begun by Charles Colne and E. H. Cornick, of New York, against the Gatling Gun Company for \$300,000 damages for an alleged refusal on the part of the company to carry out a contract with the plaintiff for the sale of the Gatling patent to the French Government.

Secretary Whitte, following his custom since he has been at the head of the Navy Department, presented each of the employees of the department with a fine turkey for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. It took four hundred turkeys to go around.

The Russian Government has protested against the erection by Romania of forts at Foreca and Galatz.

On the 27th the National Republican Spill-Binders' Association, composed of campaign orators, was organized at New York City.

Secretary Spencer is quoted as saying that the staff and other vacancies in the army will not be filled until after the meeting of Congress.

On the 27th Hon. B. Frank Neely (Rep.) was elected mayor of Dover, N. H.

Senator John Sherman and Miss Mary Sherman arrived in Washington on the 27th. It is stated that ex-President and Mrs. Hayes and Miss Fanny Hayes will be among the Senator's guests for the inaugural festivities.

Henry Gibson, the single-tax advocate, delivered a speech at Lambeth, Bedfordshire, on the 27th, in the presence of an immense audience.

Dr. Victor, and Empress Frederick offered their condolences to the relatives of the late Duchess of Sutherland.

On the 27th Mr. Michael Henry Herbert, Minister West's temporary successor in charge of the British Legation at Washington, was named. Miss Helen Weston, daughter of Mr. Richard Wilson, of No. 51 Fifth avenue, New York City.

The following resolutions of the National pension committee of the U. S. A., the most important committee of the order, have been made by Commander-in-Chief Warren: That the National Pension Committee, James Tanner, Brooklyn; John Kuntz, Toledo, O.; John W. Burt, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Richard W. Blue, Bismarck, Kas.

CONGRESSMAN RANDALL has been given permission by his physicians to attend the opening of Congress, providing that he will work in moderation and not spend too much time in close committee-rooms.

The London *Times* has received from Salisbury's decision to delay the appointment of a successor to Lord Salisbury, and says this course is a "very wise" one.

VICE-ADAM BEAVER, of Australia, again defeated Edward Hamilton, of Canada, on the 27th, in a race on the Parramatta river, in the former country.

ALFRED HARRISON, Vice-President of Switzerland, died on the 27th.

EMPEROR WILLIAM was reported confined to his apartments with a cold on the 27th.

A DISPATCH from Toledo, O., dated the 27th, and Senator Harrison, who is expected to understand that the office of Secretary of State will be formally transferred by President-elect Harrison to William D. Bayne, of Ohio.

On the 27th the Alabama Legislature, in joint session, declared John T. Morgan re-elected to the United States Senate for the term beginning in March next.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is unwilling to accede to the proposed blockade of his coast.

The President went to church on Thanksgiving Day.

JAMES EMORY MACRAE, of Newport, R. I., a widely-recognized authority on heraldry and medieval literature, died on the 27th.

In London reports are prevalent that the alleged cold from which the German Emperor is said to be suffering is, in fact, the incipient stage of a disease similar to that which terminated the life of his father.

On the 27th Mrs. Ellen Ewing Sherman, wife of General W. T. Sherman, died at her residence in New York City.

ALICE VAN DER BEEK, daughter of Count Von Tatten, president of the Austrian Congress, will shortly be endowed with the title of Princess.

GOVERNOR BEAVER of Pennsylvania has been selected by the inaugural committee at Washington as marshal of the inaugural parade. The appointment was conferred to General Sherman, but was declined on the ground of the serious illness of Mrs. Sherman.

MA. HENRY GIBSON has postponed his departure from England for America until the 30th of December.

It is stated that the U. S. A. R. split in the West falls little conference among the members of the order in the East.

On the 27th the United States German Mission at Berlin, and the German Mission at Washington, and Jacob T. Child, United States Minister to St. Petersburg, and the German Mission at St. Petersburg.

REPRESENTATIVE W. C. DAVIS, of Alabama, proposed a resolution to condemn the entire disfranchisement of the negroes.

CONGRESSMAN MILLIS says: "On the tariff issue the Democrats carried every thing. It was battle that beat us. It was in every Congressional district. I felt it in mine."

UNITED STATES TREASURER HAYES, on the 30th, mailed 3,436 checks, aggregating \$15,028,101, to cover quarterly interest on 4½ per cent. registered bonds due October 1.

It is stated that the original diary of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany is in possession of his son, Prince William, Emperor Victor, who has obtained a copyright upon it.

The sale of the household effects of Hon. Perry Belmont, the newly-appointed Minister to Spain, took place at Washington on the 30th. The crowd was small but select, and the goods sold readily at fair prices.

COLONEL SPOFFORD, formerly military attaché of the French Embassy at Berlin, was expected from Alsace on the 30th. The friends of John Bright, the English economist, are much pleased that the Gladstone Government has appointed him to the post of minister to the Holstein district of Finland, to contest his seat after his death, which they assume to be only a question of a few days.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

VALENCOURT, a village near Nancy, France, was destroyed by fire on the 27th. Thousands of persons were rendered homeless and absolutely without shelter.

A BOILER in a chair factory at Cochran, Ala., exploded on the 27th, killing William Bonner, John Stark and William Matthews, Jr., and severely injuring Fred Bruce, the engineer. The factory was destroyed.

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It is reported that a new Papal rescript had been issued to the Irish bishops, condemning boycotting and like practices in Ireland, has been confirmed. The intention to receive the rescript privately, but to act upon it publicly was frustrated by the indiscretion of a servant of the Bishop of Limerick, who partly divulged the secret.

THE Arabs of Bombay have been paid \$25,000 by the British company for the fugitive slaves harbored by the British nation at that place.

SAVANNAH, Ga., has raised the quarantine against Florida, late frosts having removed all danger of yellow-fever infection.

On their departure for St. Petersburg the King and Queen of Belgium gave a farewell dinner at court in honor of Judge Chambers, Tree, the American Minister, and his wife.

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